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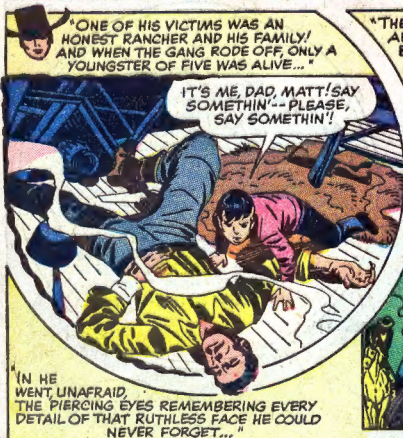
THE
LEGEND OF THE
**BLACK
RIDER**

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, AS OUR FRONTIERS EXPANDED INTO THE FABULOUS WEST, THE MYSTERIOUS **BLACK RIDER** PLAYED A DOMINANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS VAST, SPRAWLING, NEW COUNTRY! HIS NAME ALREADY A LEGEND, HIS SKILL, COURAGE AND HEROIC DEEDS BECAME A GLOWING SYMBOL OF HOPE TO THE WEAK AND THE OPPRESSED! NOW IN ANSWER TO THOSE WHO HAVE OFTEN WONDERED, WE AGAIN RELATE THE THRILLING TALE OF HOW THAT LEGEND WAS BORN...

WITH A BURST OF SPEED, THE BLACK RIDER SURGED FORWARD, HIS BLAZING GUNS ROUTING THE ATTACKING BAND BACK THE WAY THEY HAD COME...

IT'S THE
BLACK RIDER!
YIPPEEEEE!

AND IN
THE NICK OF
TIME, TOO!



• A WEEK LATER, WHEN HIS TRIAL WAS CONCLUDED... •

YOU THREW YOURSELF UPON THE COURT'S MERCY, SON, AND AFTER WEIGHING ALL THE FACTS, THE STATE OF TEXAS CAN'T HELP BUT BE A BETTER PLACE WITHOUT THE LIKES OF SUCH VERMIN AS LUKE DAVIS!



AND KNOWING THAT THE DECEASED HAD KILLED YOUR FATHER, THE COURT HAS DECIDED TO PUT YOU ON PROBATION... NOW WILL YOU KINDLY WAIT FOR ME IN MY PRIVATE CHAMBER!

YESSIR!

ALONE, THE ELDERLY JUDGE WAS MOVED BY THE YOUNG MAN'S FLIGHT...

YOURS HAS BEEN A LONELY, TRAGIC LIFE! IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP, NAME IT!

I RECKON I'VE SEEN A LOT OF DYIN'. I WOULD RATHER **SAVE** LIVES! I'D LIKE TO BECOME A **DOCTOR**!



• THE KINDLY JUDGE MADE THIS DREAM COME TRUE, AND SIX YEARS LATER A TALL STRANGER NAILED HIS SHINGLE TO A FRAME BUILDING IN THE FIERY BORDER TOWN OF LEADVILLE... •

WELL, ICHABOD, THIS IS HOME! NOW, ALL WE NEED IS SOME BUSINESS!



• WHEN SUDDENLY... •

WHOA, THERE! STRANGER, IF YOU'RE A DOCTOR, WE CAN SURE USE YOUR SERVICES!

I'D BE GLAD TO HELP, MA'AM!



I'M JIM LATHROP, DOC, AN' THIS IS MY DAUGHTER MARIE! THIS MAN HERE IS CHARLIE MADDOCK, MY FOREMAN! HE GOT CUT DOWN BY BLAST BURROWS AN' HIS GANG OF RUSTLERS!

LET'S GET HIM INSIDE!





"THERE WAS BUT ONE CHOICE OPEN, TO MASK HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS DOC MASTERS... SO THAT HIS VOW AS A DOCTOR COULD REMAIN INTACT! IN AN OLD TRUNK HE FOUND WHAT HE WANTED..."



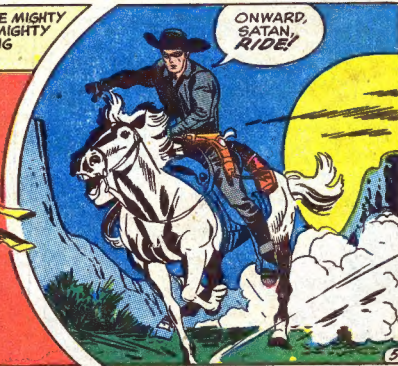
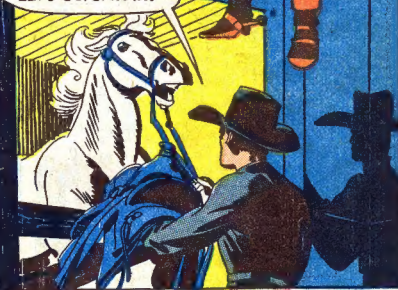
"WITH A RIPPLING OF POWERFUL MUSCLES THE MIGHTY STALLION THREW OFF HIS POSE OF AGE...THE MIGHTY FORELEGS FLAILING THE AIR AS THE QUICKENING SENSE OF ADVENTURE RETURNED..."



"MINUTES LATER, AFTER DONNING HIS SOMBER GARMENTS, THE ROLE OF THE **BLACK RIDER** CAME INTO BEING..."



"PICK UP YOUR HEAD AND ACT NATURAL, FELLOW! THE MASQUERADE IS OVER! WE'RE RIDING THE PLAINS LIKE WE ONCE DID! LET'S GO, **SATAN!**"



MEANWHILE, THE BURROWS GANG SWEEP
TOWARD THE LATHROP RANCH...

GIT AT IT, MEN! DON'T LEAVE
A TIMBER STANDIN! BRING IT
DOWN AROUND THEIR EARS!



SUDDENLY BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES, A
BLACK-CLAD FIGURE BLAZED A PATH AMONG
THE ATTACKING BAND!

A BLACK
RIDER! HE'S
SCATTERING
THEM LIKE
LEAVES!



ONLY ONE REACHED
THE RANCHHOUSE...
BLAST BURROWS...

I NEVER BREAK
MY WORD, LATHROP!
I SAID I'D GET
YUH, AN' HERE
I AM!

NO...
DON'T!



THERE'S TOO
MANY OF THEM,
DAD! WE DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE!

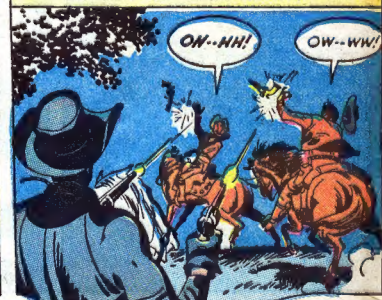
I'M NOT STOPPIN' AS
LONG AS THERE'S A
SPARK OF LIFE LEFT
IN ME! LEASTWAYS
THEY'LL KNOW THEY
WERE IN A FIGHT!



AND LIKE SCATTERED LEAVES, THEY FELL BACK
BEFORE HIS BLAZING GUNS, THEIR CRIES OF PAIN
AND SURPRISE FILLING THE AIR!

OW--NH!

OW--WH!

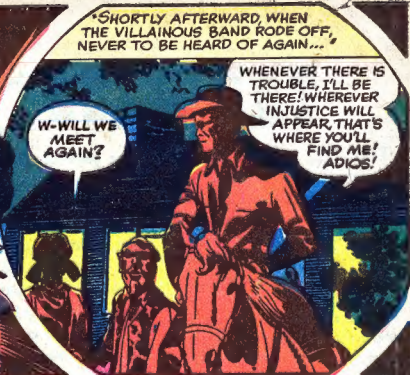


THEN,
A BLACK
FIGURE FILLED
THE
DOORWAY, AND ORANGE
FLAME LEAPED FROM
SMOKING BARRELS!





YOU'RE **THROUGH**,
BURROWS... FOR
GOOD!



"SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN
THE VILLAINOUS BAND RODE OFF,
NEVER TO BE HEARD OF AGAIN..."

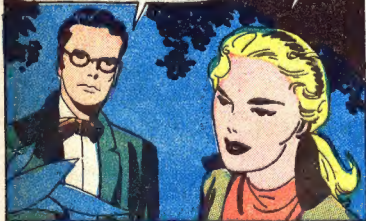
W-WILL WE
MEET
AGAIN?

WHENEVER THERE IS
TROUBLE, I'LL BE
THERE! WHEREVER
INJUSTICE WILL
APPEAR, THAT'S
WHERE YOU'LL
FIND ME!
ADIOS!

"SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER, WHEN DOC MASTERS
PAID HIS FIRST SOCIAL VISIT TO THE LATHROP
RANCH..."

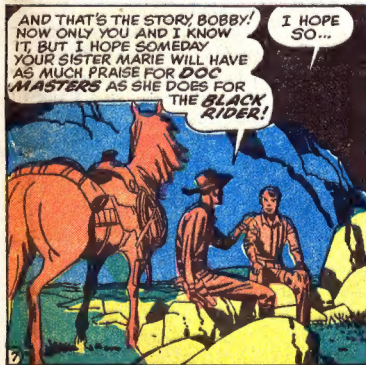
MARIE, DO YOU THINK YOU
CAN ACCEPT ME AS A FRIEND...
DESPITE MY UNWILLINGNESS
TO TAKE PART IN FIGHTING?

I WAS ANGRY,
BUT NOT
NOW...



THE BLACK RIDER **DID**
SPEAK OF YOU, AND
RECOMMENDED YOU
BOTH AS A DOCTOR
AND A MAN! HIS
RECOMMENDATION
IS GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME!

THANK
YOU,
MARIE!



AND THAT'S THE STORY, BOBBY!
NOW ONLY YOU AND I KNOW
IT, BUT I HOPE SOMEDAY
YOUR SISTER MARIE WILL HAVE
AS MUCH PRAISE FOR **DOC**
MASTERS AS SHE DOES FOR
THE **BLACK RIDER!**

I HOPE
SO...



BUT YOUR SECRET
IS SAFE! NO ONE
WILL EVER LEARN
FROM ME THAT
THE BLACK RIDER
AND DOC MASTERS
ARE **ONE!**

GOOD! AS LONG AS THAT
SECRET IS KEPT, THE BLACK
RIDER AND DOC MASTERS
CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE
THE WEST... EACH IN
HIS OWN WAY!

THE END

THE RACE



THE long whip of Old 47's driver, Jed Waram, came whistling back in its twenty-foot arc. Then the thin, keen length of leather, hefted by its handle, came whistling forward and exploded in a sharp crack in the air.

The stagecoach sprang forward from before the hotel in Larkspur, Wyoming. There were four passengers in the coach, and all were anxiously keeping ears and eyes on the coach and driver. The destination was Tall Grass, and it was the last chance anybody was going to have to see Jed handling a coach before the big coach race the next day.

Stagecoach races fulfilled much the same function in the old West as steamboat races did on the Mississippi. They provided exciting, yet harmless, sport. But they also called for all those qualities that made the West what it was . . . ingenuity, planning, daring. When a stagecoach race was held, everything on the coach was furbished up. The iron rims of the wheels were examined, and if necessary, re-heated, riveted, and re-shrunk onto the oaken frames. The leather swaysprings were removed and oiled, replaced if the slightest crack was found. Whiffle tree and brake and reins and harness got their share of touching up.

When a western coach was repaired for a race, it was in

prime physical condition, ready to carry any reasonable load over mudholes, rocks and patches of brush at the maximum speed the horses were capable of. A stagecoach in fast movement almost never came to grief, at high speed, for the forward momentum kept everything on a fairly even keel.

Joe Ballard, Ken Watkins, Si Watkins, his brother, and Bill Stevens, all of Tall Grass, sat within as the coach hurtled over the level, rutted road and watched the milestones.

The country was rolling, fairly bare of trees in that section between the two towns of Larkspur and Tall Grass, and the road did not meander very widely.

"He's doin' thirty," Joe Ballard said with a slight degree of awe. In his hand he held a watch, and his eyes had been glued on the last four mileposts. To be sure, he'd rechecked the average speed twice.

He glanced at the other gentlemen . . . they were all businessmen, or, like himself, a cattle rancher, in addition . . . and said, with great conviction, "Looks to me like Jed's gonna win. He'll take that Number 24 of the Hardy-Tashman coach line and lose her in a cloud of dust."

There was a moment of proper silence while three keen minds weighed the remark and

came to mature decisions. All three shook their heads.

Si Watkins said, decisively, "Henry Buntline's driving Number 24, and I was in her a week ago, on the Tashman-Rancerville run. Know what she clocked?"

All heads were shaken in negation.

"Thirty-two miles an hour," Si Watkins said impressively.

"How many passengers?" Bill Stevens asked.

"Just me," Watkins said. "Of course, Henry Buntline's carrying just one man, as usual, on the race run. Ought to get her up to thirty-two miles an hour again . . . at least!"

There was a moment of silence, while all considered this. Then Joe Ballard said, "Tell you what, gentlemen, I think Jed Waram's goin' to win."

"Think he can do more than thirty-two or three?" Ken Watkins asked.

"I know he can do thirty with four of us in the coach. I'm prepared to admit Henry Buntline can do the same. And I still think Jed's going to win."

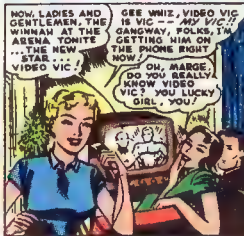
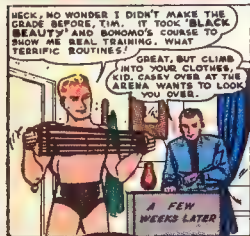
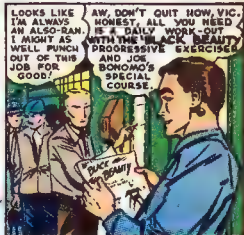
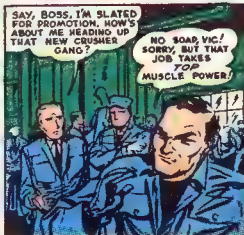
"Got some inside information?" Stevens grinned.

"Outside of the fact that Jed's going to race with the coach loaded, no," Ballard said. "Coach loaded!" The other three exclaimed as one.

Ken Watkins burst out laughing. "And you still think he'll

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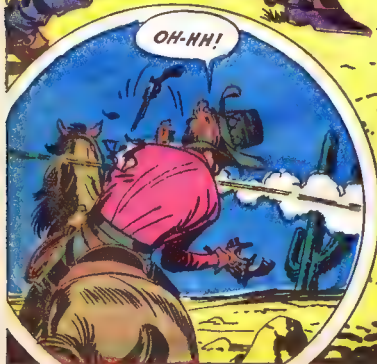
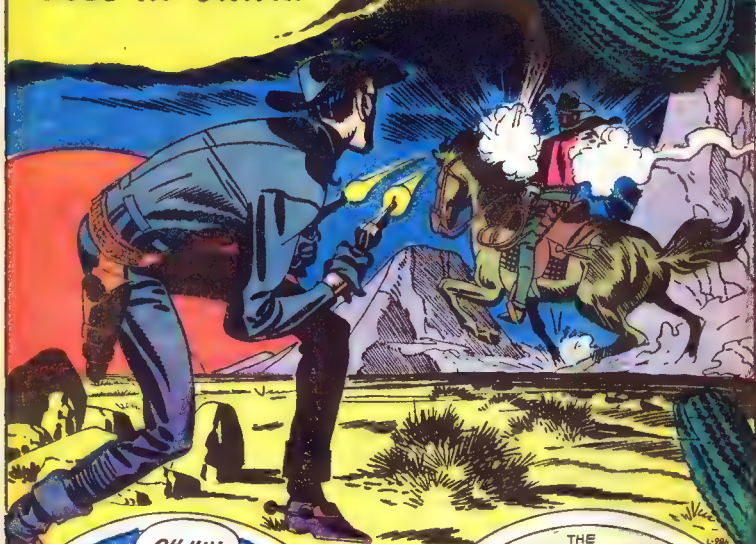
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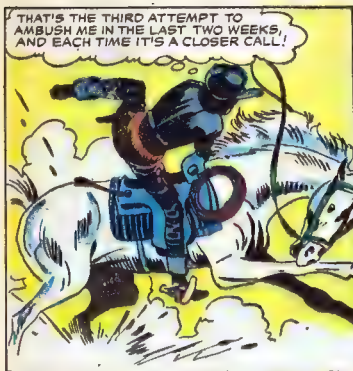
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IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY, AND LIKE ANY ACT OF TREACHERY, WITHOUT WARNING! BUT THE BLACK RIDER MET THE CHALLENGE WITH TYPICAL COURAGE AS AGAIN AND AGAIN THE ECHOING GUN BLASTS SIGNALLED THE...

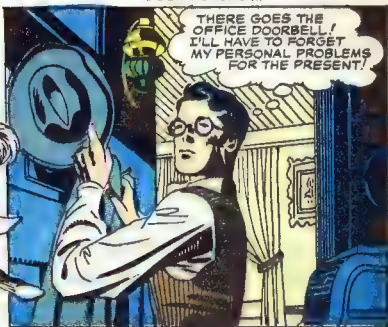
DUEL AT DAWN!





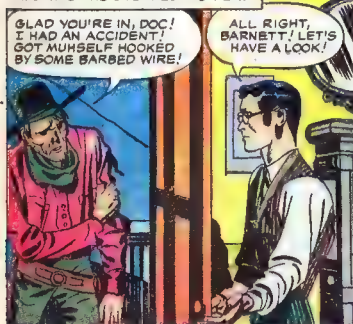
THAT'S THE THIRD ATTEMPT TO
AMBUSH ME IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS,
AND EACH TIME IT'S A CLOSER CALL!

LATER THAT MORNING, WHEN THE COLORFUL BLACK
RIDER ASSUMED HIS OTHER ROLE OF MILD-MANNERED
DOC MASTERS...



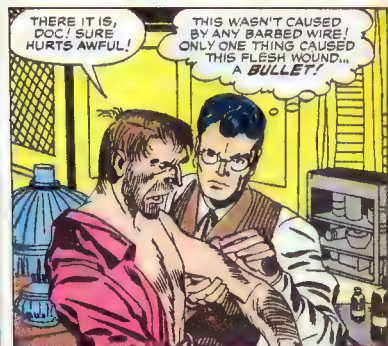
THERE GOES THE
OFFICE DOORBELL!
I'LL HAVE TO FORGET
MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS
FOR THE PRESENT!

AND WHEN HE STEPPED INSIDE...



GLAD YOU'RE IN, DOC!
I HAD AN ACCIDENT!
GOT MUHSELF HOOKED
BY SOME BARBED WIRE!

ALL RIGHT,
BARNETT! LET'S
HAVE A LOOK!



THERE IT IS,
DOC! SURE
HURTS AWFUL!

THIS WASN'T CAUSED
BY ANY BARBED WIRE!
ONLY ONE THING CAUSED
THIS FLESH WOUND...
A BULLET!



I KNOW I WOUNDED THE
MAN WHO TRIED TO
AMBUSH ME, AND, NOW,
BARNETT COMES IN
HERE WITH A BULLET
WOUND AND PRETENDS
IT WAS SOMETHING
ELSE! I WONDER...



HOW MUCH'LL
THAT BE,
DOC?

NEVER MIND,
BARNETT! SOME-
DAY, MAYBE, YOU'LL
DO ME A FAVOR
IN RETURN!

THAT NIGHT, A
BLACK-GLOVED
FIST RAPPED
LOUDLY AGAINST
A BOLTED DOOR!

KEEP YORE
SHIRT ON! I'M
COMIN'!

NOW THAT'S FUNNY!
ALL THAT RUCKUS AN'
NO ONE HERE!

BUT THEN A SHADOW, DARKER THAN THE
NIGHT, STEPPED FORWARD...

INSIDE, BARNETT!
YOU AND I HAVE
SOME TALKING
TO DO!

HUH!

LYING WON'T GET
YOU ANYWHERE, BARNETT!
I TRAILED YOU THIS MORNING
TO DOC MASTERS' PLACE!
YOU'VE BEEN OUT TO AMBUSH
ME AND I WANT TO KNOW
WHY!

PLEASE,
GIMME A
BREAK...

I WUZ PUT UP TO IT! SOMEONE
OFFERED ME FIVE HUNDRED
TUH CASH YOU IN! I'M NO
BUSHWHACKER BUT I WAS
REAL LOW IN FUNDS! YOU
GOTTA BELIEVE ME!

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MADE THE
OFFER?

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BANG!

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WAS... OH...
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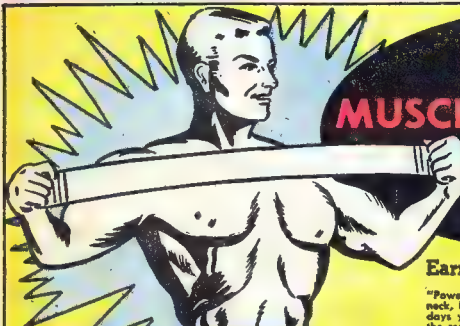
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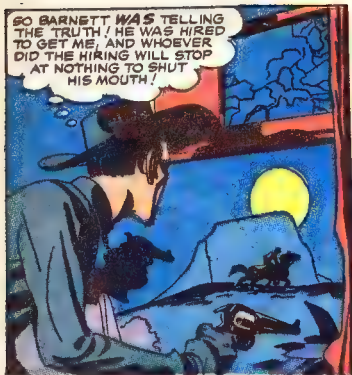
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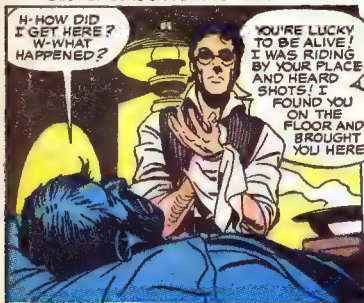
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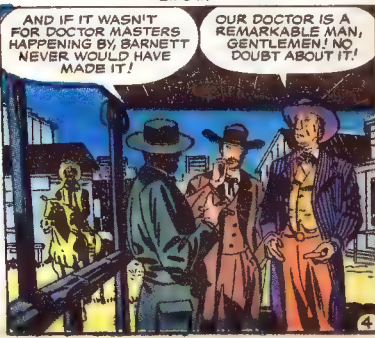
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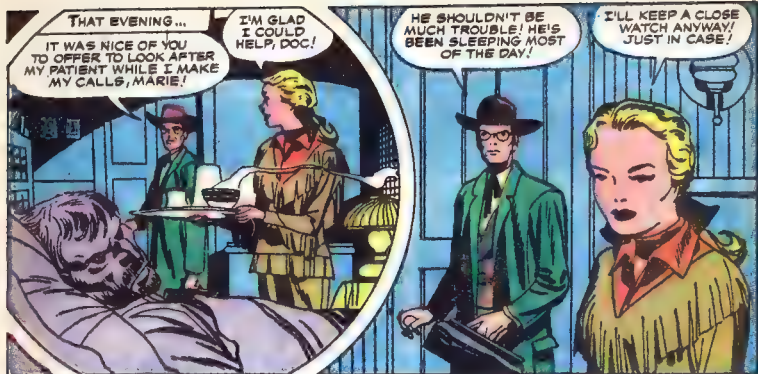


AN HOUR LATER, AFTER THE SKILLED DOCTOR REMOVED THE BULLET, THE PATIENT STIRRED... SLOWLY CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED...

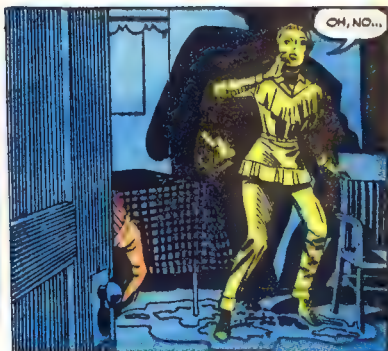


BY THE NEXT DAY, THE NEWS WAS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS...





SLOWLY THE TIME TICKED BY, AND THEN THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN...



THEN THE PATIENT STIRRED, AND HIS EYES WIDENED WITH SHOCK...





BETTER
FEEL SORRY
FOR YOURSELF,
DURAND!

WHA... ?

HE WHIRLED, BUT THE BLACK-CLAD FIGURE MOVED
FASTER STILL, AND THEN TWIN COLTS ROARED
OUT LIKE TWIN CLAPS OF CRASHING THUNDER ...

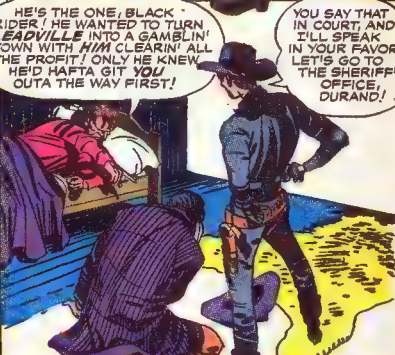


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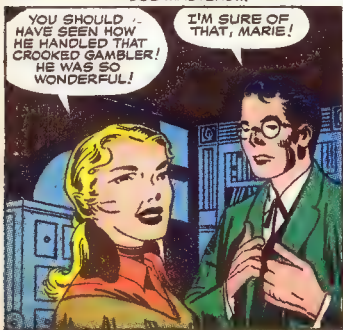


HE'S THE ONE, BLACK
RIDER! HE WANTED TO TURN
LEADVILLE INTO A GAMBLIN'
TOWN WITH HIM CLEARIN' ALL
THE PROFIT! ONLY HE KNEW
HE'D HAF TA GIT YOU
OUTA THE WAY FIRST!

YOU SAY THAT
IN COURT, AND
I'LL SPEAK
IN YOUR FAVOR!
LET'S GO TO
THE SHERIFF'S
OFFICE,
DURAND!

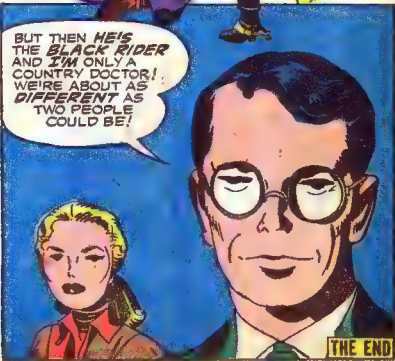


LATER, WHEN THE BLACK RIDER RETURNED AS
DOC MASTERS...



YOU SHOULD
HAVE SEEN HOW
HE HANDED THAT
CROOKED GAMBLER!
HE WAS SO
WONDERFUL!

I'M SURE OF
THAT, MARIE!



BUT THEN HE'S
THE BLACK RIDER
AND I'M ONLY A
COUNTRY DOCTOR!
WE'RE ABOUT AS
DIFFERENT AS
TWO PEOPLE
COULD BE!

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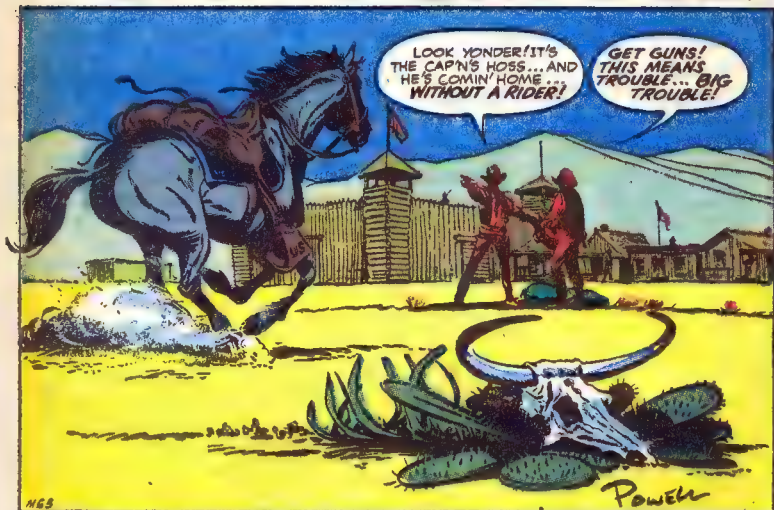
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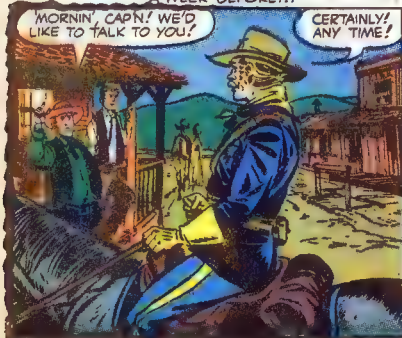
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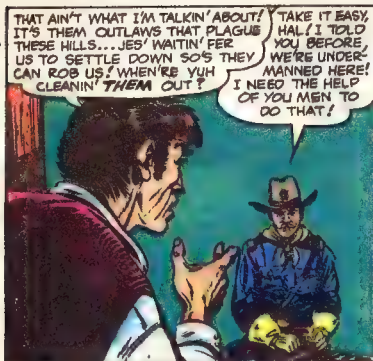
A SMOKE SIGNAL ON A MOUNTAIN PEAK! THAT MEANS TROUBLE! THE STARTLED SCREAM OF HORSES AT NIGHT! THAT'S TROUBLE, TOO! A SHOT... AND A CRY! THAT, TOO, IS TROUBLE! THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE SIGNALS OF DISASTER THAT FACED THE OLD WEST! BUT NOTHING WAS AS OMINOUS...AS MEANINGFUL...AS FILLED WITH THE IMPENDING SENSE OF DISASTER AS THE HORSE THAT RETURNED TO HIS POST WITH...

the EMPTY SADDLE!



THE SQUATTERS WHO SOUGHT PROTECTION IN THE SHADOWS OF FORT DUBUSQUE WEREN'T ALWAYS AS EXCITED AS THIS! ON THE CONTRARY, THEY WERE PEACEFUL MEN... AT LEAST, THEY WERE PEACEFUL A WEEK BEFORE...





THAT AIN'T WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT! IT'S THEM OUTLAWS THAT PLAGUE THESE HILLS... JES' WAITIN' FER US TO SETTLE DOWN SO'S THEY CAN ROB US! WHEN'RE YUH CLEANIN' THEM OUT?

TAKE IT EASY, HAL! I TOLD YOU BEFORE, WE'RE UNDER-MANNED HERE! I NEED THE HELP OF YOU MEN TO DO THAT!



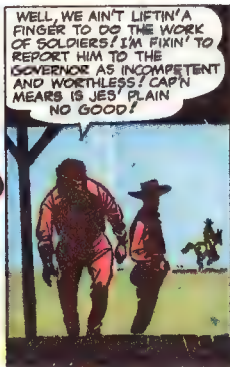
AND I TOLD YUH BEFORE... WE AIN'T SOLDIERS... YOU ARE! OUR JOB'S TO SETTLE DOWN AN' BUILD HOMES AND TOWNS! ~~YOUR~~ JOB IS TO MAKE THE LAND SAFE!

MAKING THE WEST SAFE IS **EVERYBODY'S** JOB! BUT IF YOU WON'T HELP, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT, I RECKON! EXCUSE ME, GENTS! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!



YOUNG WHIPPER-SNAPPER, EXPECTIN' US TO DO HIS WORK FOR HIM!

IF YUH ASK ME, HAL, I RECKON HE'S TOO SKEERED TO TACKLE THE OUTLAWS! HE'S JES' STALLIN'!



WELL, WE AIN'T LIFTIN' A FINGER TO DO THE WORK OF SOLDIERS! I'M FIXIN' TO REPORT HIM TO THE GOVERNOR AS INCOMPETENT AND WORTHLESS! CAP'N MEARS IS JES' PLAIN NO GOOD!



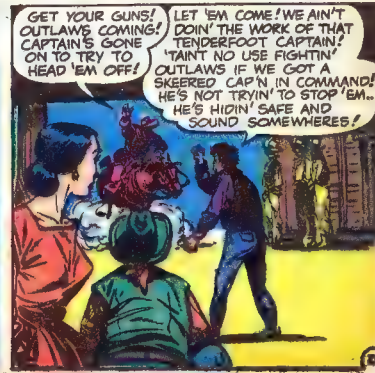
CAPTAIN! IT'S DUKE HOLLISTER AND HIS GANG OF OUTLAWS! THEY'RE HEADING THIS WAY!

WHAT? AND MOST OF OUR COMPANY'S GUARDING THE SOUTH PASS, WATCHING FOR THEM!



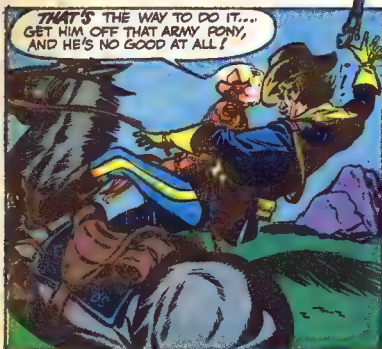
ALERT THE VILLAGERS! THEN SEE IF YOU CAN GET TO OUR MEN IN TIME! I'M GOING AHEAD AND SEE IF I CAN HEAD 'EM OFF SOME WAY!

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU, CAPTAIN... BUT GOOD LUCK!

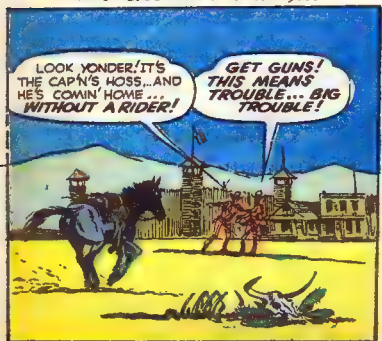


GET YOUR GUNS! OUTLAWS COMING! CAPTAIN'S GONE ON TO TRY TO HEAD 'EM OFF!

LET 'EM COME! WE AIN'T DOIN' THE WORK OF THAT TENDERFOOT CAPTAIN! 'TAINT NO USE FIGHTIN' OUTLAWS IF WE GOT A SKEERED CAP'N IN COMMAND! HE'S NOT TRYIN' TO STOP 'EM... HE'S HIDIN' SAFE AND SOUND SOMEWHERE!



A LITTLE LATER, THE CAPTAIN'S RIDERLESS
HORSE GALLOPED INTO TOWN...



IN SECONDS, THE MEN WERE RIDING OFF,
FOLLOWED BY A HORSE WITH AN EMPTY SADDLE
...AND IN MINUTES, THEY MET THE BANDITS!

BUT THE NEXT INSTANT, THE BANDITS WERE
CAUGHT COMPLETELY OFF GUARD! THE
VIGILANTES CHARGED THEM!



AND, LATER, WHEN THE HOMESTEADERS
FINALLY SETTLED DOWN, NO BANDIT DARED
SHOW HIS FACE WHERE EVERY MAN WAS
HIS BROTHER'S KEEPER..



win?" he exploded. "Oh, I know Jed, he probably thinks he'll get better traction than Henry, with some weight, but..."

"Nothin' wrong with that," Ballard said promptly. "You know anything's allowed to win a race... loading, taking short cuts, and so on."

Watkins was silent for a moment. Then he said, "Joe, I don't bet, but I'd like to take you down a peg or two in your opinion. Tell you what. I'm convinced a loaded coach can't help but go slower than one not loaded. I'm willing to back up my beliefs. If Henry wins, you donate a hundred dollars to the County Orphan Asylum. If Jed wins... which he won't, I'll do the same."

"You're on," Joe Ballard replied promptly.

And the discussion ended, though all four men continued to take checking calculations on the speed maintained by Old 47. Never did it reach a speed of over thirty-two miles an hour. When the coach arrived at Tall Grass, and the four gentlemen emerged, Ken Watkins said to Joe Ballard, smiling, "You know as well as I do, Joe, that Jed was getting as much as he could out of her. And if Old 47 can't do more than thirty-two miles an hour loaded, it looks to me as though Henry Buntline's Number 24 is goin' to do better with only one man on it besides Henry." He paused. "Tell you what; I'm fair. I'll give you a chance to get out of that bet."

Joe looked at Ken and then he looked at Jed Waram who was busy unloading the luggage in front of the Tall Grass hotel.

A mysterious look passed between Jed and Joe, and then Joe shook his head. "The bet stands," he said.

In the morning, at nine o'clock, the big event began under glowing, blue skies. All Tall Grass and many visitors were present. The two coaches lined up in front of the Tall Grass Hotel, and Mayor Larry Shaw read out the announcement of the rules. "As usual," he said, "whichever coach arrives back here by or before noon, wins the race. Stick to the main road until you cross Bullfrog Pond.



After that, on the way back, you can try any short cut you want." He raised a handkerchief, held it a long, suspenseful moment... then dropped it, and the race was on. Both coaches disappeared down Main Street in a cloud of dust. On the porch of the Tall Grass Hotel sat the four travelers who had come from Larkspur in Old 47 the day before. They had seen the one passenger mount beside Henry Buntline. They had seen four men climb into Jed Waram's Old 47.

They sat there, silently, for a

while. There was no way of determining the course of the race. If the coaches broke down by the wayside, repairs would be made by the drivers, and only the open spaces would witness it.

Ten o'clock came. A tide of tension rose in the town. Ken Watkins stepped from the porch three times after that to peer down the street. Still no coach appeared. Eleven o'clock came and went. Then, at fifteen minutes to twelve, a cloud of dust rose to the north and within two minutes more, Old 47 came dashing up to the hotel door.

"Left Henry ten miles behind!" Jed cried, as he leaped off the driver's seat into the midst of the cheering throng. "He won't be here for half an hour!"

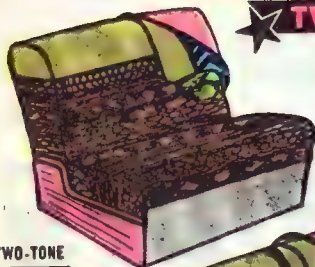
"Guess you win," Ken Watkins said to Joe Ballard. "I'll make the donation to the Orphan Asylum. But I'd like to know how you did it."

Joe looked at Jed, and Jed winked and nodded.

"It was Jed's plan to take the short cut at the old Creek road, cut across the fields and thereby save ten miles," Joe said.

"Cut across the fields?" Watkins asked, incredulously. "But how?"

"With the four men he took along," Ballard said. "The weight cut down the speed, but Jed more than made up the loss by carrying his passengers. When they came to the fence, all they did was jack the coach up over it and heave it across. Took about ten minutes, but even with that, Jed won the race!"



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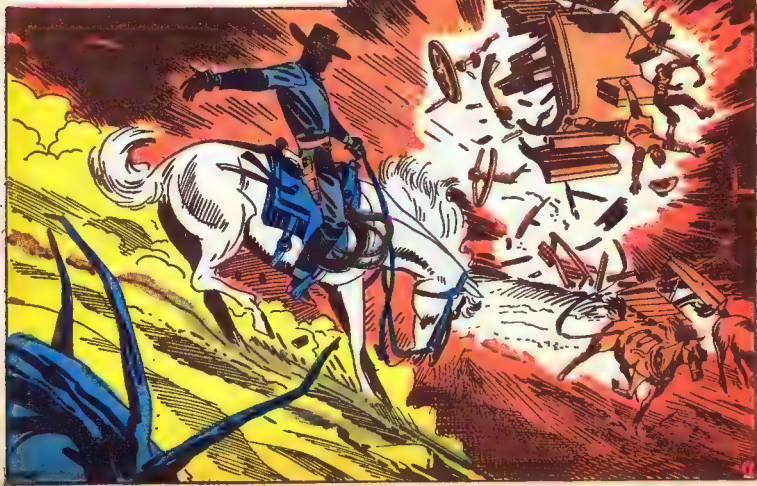
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WERE THE THREE PRINCIPLES THE **BLACK RIDER**
BELIEVED IN AND FOUGHT FOR! AND IT WAS THESE
PRINCIPLES THAT HIS EVER-WATCHFUL EYES, AND READY
GUNS WERE CONSTANTLY GUARDING!

"TREACHERY AT HANGMAN'S BRIDGE!"



WITHIN MINUTES, THE BLACK RIDER WAS ON HIS WAY.

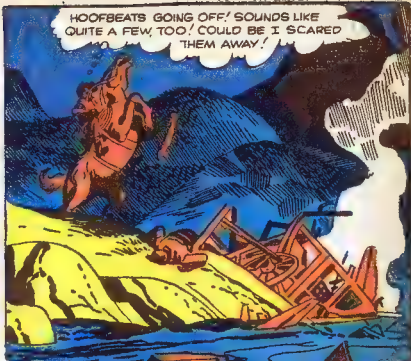


BUT HIS FIRST CONCERN WAS FOR THE INJURED...

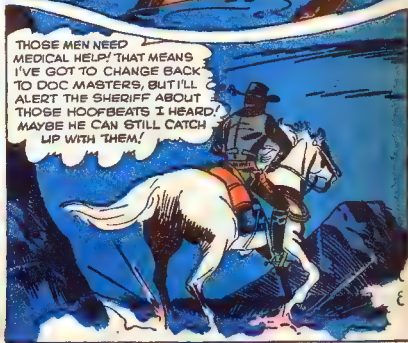


M-MUH ARM!
NEVVA KNEW!
WHAT HIT ME...

DON'T TALK, AND
TRY NOT TO MOVE
TILL I GET BACK
WITH DOC
MASTERS!

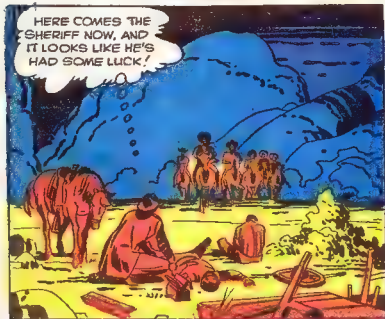


HOOFBEATS GOING OFF! SOUNDS LIKE
QUITE A FEW, TOO! COULD BE I SCARED
THEM AWAY!



THOSE MEN NEED
MEDICAL HELP! THAT MEANS
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE BACK
TO DOC MASTERS, BUT I'LL
ALERT THE SHERIFF ABOUT
THOSE HOOFBEATS I HEARD!
MAYBE HE CAN STILL CATCH
UP WITH THEM!

A HALF-HOUR LATER, AS THE BLACK RIDER REAPPEARED ON THE SCENE, BUT THIS TIME AS THE BELOVED DOCTOR MASTERS...



HERE COMES THE
SHERIFF NOW, AND
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S
HAD SOME LUCK!



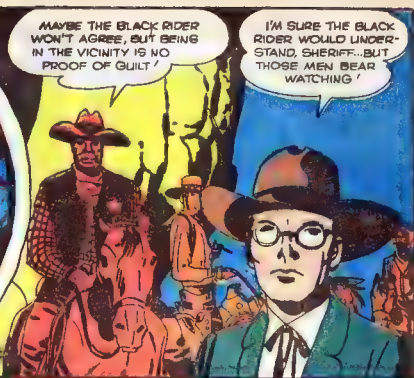
YOU'RE MAKIN' A BIG MISTAKE,
SHERIFF! ME AN' MUH BOYS
HAD NOTHIN' TO DO WITH
THIS HERE STAGE!

HOW ABOUT
THE GOLD
MISSING
FROM THE
STAGE,
SHERIFF?



THERE'S NOTHING ON 'EM, DOC! FRANKLY, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET 'EM GO!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING 'LET'S GO, BOYS.'



MAYBE THE BLACK RIDER WON'T AGREE, BUT BEING IN THE VICINITY IS NO PROOF OF GUILT!

I'M SURE THE BLACK RIDER WOULD UNDERSTAND, SHERIFF...BUT THOSE MEN BEAR WATCHING!

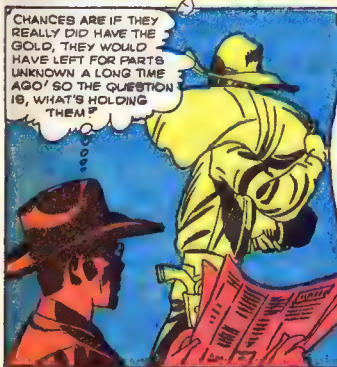


AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO! BETWEEN DOC MASTERS AND THE BLACK RIDER, THEY'LL BE WATCHED DAY AND NIGHT!

TWO DAYS LATER, IN LEADVILLE'S GENERAL STORE, AS DOC MASTERS CONTINUED HIS STUDIED OBSERVATIONS...



THAT'S ONE OF PARRISH'S MEN BUYING SUPPLIES! THAT MEANS IF THEY'RE STILL HANGING AROUND TOWN, IT MUST BE FOR A REASON!



CHANCES ARE IF THEY REALLY DID HAVE THE GOLD, THEY WOULD HAVE LEFT FOR PARTS UNKNOWN A LONG TIME AGO! SO THE QUESTION IS, WHAT'S HOLDING THEM?



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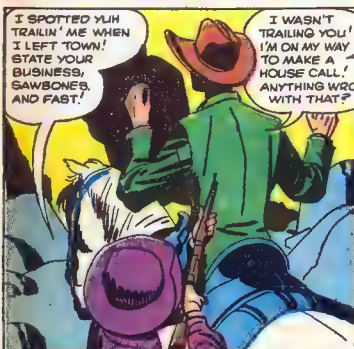
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HOW ABOUT IT?

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WITH!



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ON THE HORSES AND SOUND
OFF IF YOU HEAR OR SEE
ANYTHING FISHY!



BUT WITHIN MINUTES AFTER THE
OTHERS HAD LEFT...

MMMFF!



OH-HH!



SWIFTLY
LIKE A BLACK,
SILENT SHADOW,
THE HEROIC
FIGURE GLIDED
FORWARD -

THEY'RE OFF THIS
WAY! I CAN HEAR
THEM!



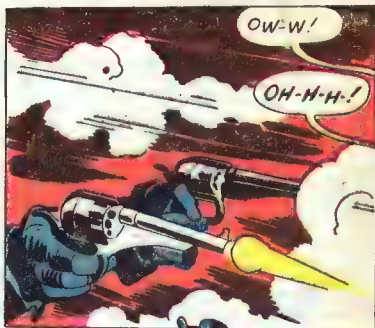
HERE IT IS!
I GOT IT!

YAHOO!

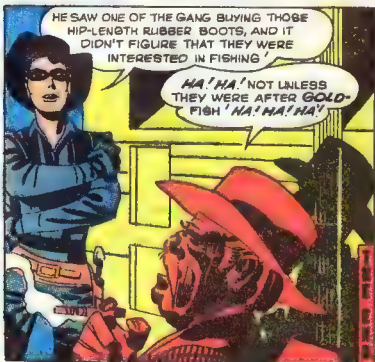
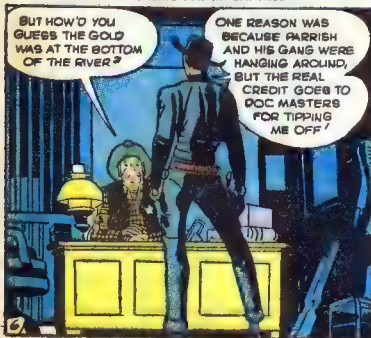




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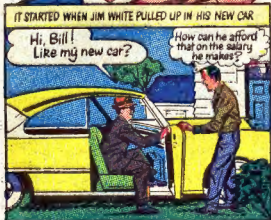
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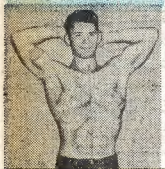
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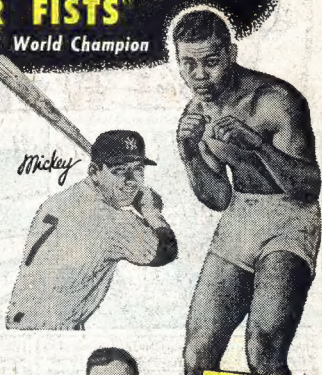
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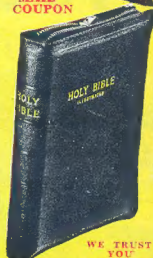
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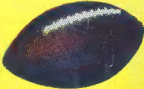
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